TALES FROM THE TOMB

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FROM THE COLD GRAVE CAME

A DEAD THING AMONG US!

FRIGHT RUNS WILD IN

"MONSTER"

TERROR IN BLACK

EXPLODES WITH HORROR

CMP

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IMITATION

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9 BULLET HOLES

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ITEM #976

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Only You Can Open
ONLY $1.69

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Obeys Your Commands!
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A135 1.25

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TERROR
IN BLACK
Alcala

AUNT HARRIET WASN'T WICKED. SHE JUST FELT THAT IF SHE HAD A FEW EXTRA PENNIES SHE SHOULD SPEND THEM ON HERSELF... NOT LUCY! AFTER ALL, IT'S ONLY HUMAN NATURE TO THINK FIRST OF YOURSELF!
SO...OOO YOU'VE RAIDED THE PANTRY AGAIN! YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS!
NO, NO AUNT HARRIET! I'M AFRAID OF THE CLOSET AND THE DARK!
THAT'S JUST WHY I PUNISH YOU THIS WAY! MAYBE YOU'LL LEARN A LITTLE SELF CONTROL IF YOU GET SCARED ENOUGH!
PLEASE! WAAAAA!
SELFISH BRAT! ALWAYS THINKING OF HER GREEDY LITTLE STOMACH! ONE OF THESE DAYS I'LL LOCK HER IN ALL DAY!
LUCY KEPT HER PROMISE... UNTIL ONCE AGAIN HER HUNGER BECAME STRONGER THAN HER FEAR...
THIS WASN'T THE FIRST TIME LUCY WAS LOCKED IN THE CLOSET. AND EACH TIME IT BECAME WORSE...
BUT TIME PASSED... AS IT ALWAYS DID... AND AS ALWAYS, IT ENDED WITH A PROMISE!
AUNT HARRIET, I PROMISE I'LL NEVER TAKE ANYTHING WITHOUT YOUR PERMISSION AGAIN!
I HOPE SO... FOR YOUR SAKE! IF THERE'S ONE THING I HATE, IT'S A LIAR!
SHE WON'T BE HOME FOR A LONG TIME... AND I'M SO VERY HUNGRY! IF I TAKE JUST A LITTLE CAKE... SHE WON'T KNOW THE DIFFERENCE!
D-D-D-DD!
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IT MAKES ME FEEL SO WARM!
YOU BROKE YOUR PROMISE AGAIN! YOU'RE A LIAR... AND A LIAR MUST BE PUNISHED! THIS TIME YOU'LL STAY IN THE CLOSET ALL DAY!
OH NO... PLEASE... I... I'LL DIE!
POOR LUCY... HER HEART BEAT IN TERROR...
PLEASE... SOMEONE... PLEASE...
HER BREATHING CAME IN GASPS... BUT THEN...
HELP ME... WON'T SOMEONE HELP ME...
SUDDENLY A CHANGE CAME OVER HER...
ANYONE... YOU... WON'T YOU HELP ME? I-I THINK YOU WILL!
LATER THAT DAY AUNT HARRIET RETURNED FROM HER SHOPPING...
IT'S A SHAME THE WAY HARRIET STARVES THAT CHILD! I'VE COMPLAINED TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH... THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF HER!
NO! NO! I DON'T WANT TROUBLE!

YOU COULDN'T BLAME AUNT HARRIET FOR BEING FRIGHTENED! SHE HAD TO WORK FAST!
YOU CAN COME OUT NOW, LUCY! I-I'VE DECIDED TO FORGIVE YOU!
GO AWAY, AUNT HARRIET! I WANT TO STAY HERE ... ALWAYS!
ARE YOU CRAZY? COME OUT THIS INSTANT!
NO, I WON'T! THERE'S A LOVELY LADY HERE AND SHE'S GIVING ME ALL KINDS OF WONDERFUL THINGS TO EAT. HER NAME IS... WHAT IS YOUR NAME, DEAR LADY?
AH, YES! HER NAME IS GLORIOSA! ISN'T THAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME? IT JUST FITS HER!
I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF THAT NONSENSE! YOU GET OUT NOW!
SHE DOES LOOK KIND OF SCRAWNY... BUT IT'S HER FAULT. SHE'S TOO ACTIVE!
WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN EARLY DINNER... A... A PARTY! YOU CAN HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT!
NO THANK YOU, AUNT HARRIET... I DON'T WANT ANYTHING!
AFTER ALL THE DELICIOUS THINGS GLORIOSA GAVE ME, I NEVER WANT TO EAT YOUR FOOD AGAIN!
GOOD GRACIOUS! SHE'S GONE OUT OF HER HEAD! SHE... SHE'LL STARVE TO DEATH AND THEY'LL THINK IT'S MY FAULT!

LISTEN, LUCY...THERE'S NO ONE IN THERE... NO ONE, DO YOU HEAR? IF I GO IN THERE AND PROVE IT TO YOU...THEN WILL YOU EAT?
CERTAINLY, AUNT HARRIET. I WANT TO BE A GOOD GIRL!
WELL, DO YOU SEE HER?
OF COURSE NOT! THERE'S NO ONE HERE! NOW UN-LOCK THE CLOSET AND LET ME OUT!
IF YOU SAY GLORIOSA ISN'T THERE, YOU'RE LYING...AND LIARS MUST BE PUNISHED... TILL THEY AGREE TO TELL THE TRUTH!
AND SHE'S GIVING YOU WONDERFUL THINGS TO EAT... ISN'T SHE?
WAIT! NOW MY EYES ARE GETTING USED TO THE DARK! I CAN SEE HER NOW! YES... SHE...SHE'S VERY PRETTY... JUST LIKE YOU SAID!
OH DEAR... IF I SAY NO, SHE'LL CALL ME A LIAR AND KEEP ME LOCKED UP HERE
YES... YES... EVERYTHING IS DELICIOUS!
I THOUGHT SO. I'M SURE YOU WANT TO STAY THERE WITH GLORIOSA NOW. SHE MAKES YOU VERY HAPPY, DOESN'T SHE?
OHHH... (SOB)... VERY VERY HAPPY!
POOR AUNT HARRIET REALLY PUT HER FOOT INTO IT THAT TIME...
PLEASE...SOMEONE HELP ME...

HER HEART BEAT IN TERROR, HER BREATHING CAME IN GASPS.
PLEEEASE...
BUT THEN SUDDENLY A CHANGE CAME OVER HER...
D-D-D-D-D...
TIME PASSED, AS IT MUST, AND SEVERAL DAYS LATER WHEN THERE WAS A KNOCK ON THE DOOR, LUCY OPENED IT...
HYMPF! YOU LOOK FINE! JUST SHOWS WHAT RUMORS GOSSIPING NEIGHBORS CAN SPREAD. THERE'S NO TROUBLE HERE!
BUT THERE IS... MY AUNT IS IN REAL TROUBLE!
MAYBE YOU CAN HELP HER. SHE DOESN'T WANT TO COME OUT OF THE CLOSET.
HUH? WHAT GOES ON HERE?
AUNT HARRIET... DEAR AUNT HARRIET, WON'T YOU COME OUT? WE HAVE COMPANY!
NO...NO...I WANT TO STAY HERE! I... I NEVER WANT TO COME OUT!
I WANT TO STAY WITH GLORIOSA! SHE... SHE'S SO WONDERFUL...AND GIVES ME SUCH DELICIOUS THINGS TO EAT. CLOSE... CLOSE THE DOOR!
YOU CAN SEE FOR YOURSELF THERE'S NOBODY IN THERE WITH HER. POOR AUNTIE IS SUCH A LIAR!
THE END

BUT YOU CAN'T BE REAL! I IMAGINED YOU MYSELF!
WHAT IS REAL, AND WHAT IS NOT? IF THE MINDS OF MEN BELIEVE A THING IS TRUE, DOES IT BECOME TRUE? PERHAPS IT'S BETTER NOT TO MEDDLE WITH THE UNKNOWN, AFTER ALL, OR YOU MIGHT FIND YOURSELF TRAPPED BY A...
MONSTER
MANY OF OUR ANCIENT RELIGIONS TEACH THAT IF A MAN BELIEVES A THING IS SO, IT IS SO! IF A MILLION PEOPLE BELIEVE THERE IS A MONSTER IN ZOO PARK...
HOW DO YOU MEAN, AHMED?
WARREN WINDELL, THE FAMOUS RADIO NEWS-CASTER, DINES WITH TWO FRIENDS...
MY AUDIENCE WILL BELIEVE ANYTHING I SAY. IF I TELL THEM THERE'S A MONSTER IN ZOO PARK, THEY'LL SWALLOW IT. WANT TO BET A THOUSAND, SMITH?
I DON'T LIKE IT, WINDELL!
DON'T DO IT, WARREN. IT'S DANGEROUS!
IT MIGHT COME TRUE? BOSH! AND TO PROVE IT I'M GOING TO CREATE A MONSTER IN MY OWN IMAGINATION AND TELL THEM ABOUT IT... AND THEY'LL BELIEVE IT! HA! HA! HA!

AND SO LATER THAT NIGHT.
UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF MONSTER IN ZOO PARK, REPORTED AS HUMANOID, TWO FEET TALL WITH HEAD OF FROG AND TENTACLES INSTEAD OF ARMS. IT IS THOUGHT TO BE DANGEROUS..
THERE'S A MONSTER IN ZOO PARK!
HE'S ALWAYS RIGHT AFTER ALL!
FANTASTIC, BUT IF WENDELL SAYS SO...
AND IN THE CITY ROOM OF A BIG DAILY...
HERE WE GO! WANNA BET SOMEBODY'S SEEN THE MONSTER!
NO BET WE'LL HAVE A HUNDRED CALLS BEFORE MORNING!
BY THE TIME THE LATE PAPERS HIT THE STREET, THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE BELIEVED IN THE MONSTER!
MONSTER IN THE PARK!
THIS IS JIM MILLIGAN, A GUARD AT THE ZOO! I SEEN THE MONSTER!
THAT SO! WHAT DID IT LOOK LIKE?

"JUST LIKE WINDELL SAID HE LOOKS! I WAS GOING BY THE BIG CATS CAGE AND..."
HMMPH! SOMETHIN' MAKIN' THE CATS RESTLESS. BETTER CHECK!
"AND THEN I SAW HIM, TENTACLES AND FROGS HEAD AND ALL! MAN, DID I RUN! I'M LOCKED IN THE OFFICE NOW. SEND SOME COPS TO GET ME OUT, WILL YA?"
EEYOWWW
NEXT MORNING IN WINDELL'S OFFICE...
WARREN, YOU MUST DENY THIS STORY! LOOK AT THE HEADLINE! "SIX FOOT MONSTER ATTACKS ZOO GUARD!"
THAT GUARD JUST HAD AN OVERACTIVE IMAGINATION!
IF PEOPLE BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY, WARREN...
BUT THAT NIGHT, OUTSIDE THE ZOO...
HELP! HELP! THE MONSTER! IT KILLED JERRY!
EASY, EASY BUDDY! TELL ME ALL ABOUT IT!
JERRY AND ME WERE WALKING ALONG WHEN ALL OF A SUDDEN...
...WHY NOT TELL THEM IT WAS ALL A MISTAKE, AND END THIS NONSENSE!
THAT, THEY WON'T BELIEVE. THEY'D THINK I WAS LYING TO CALM THEM. BUT DON'T WORRY, THE WHOLE THING WILL PETER OUT IN A COUPLE OF DAYS!

AAAA AAKK KKKK!
I...I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING! THE MONSTER WAS BIG...TOO BIG! I... I JUST RAN!
ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT YOU CRY BABIES! I'LL TELL YOU WHAT I'LL DO. I'LL PROVE THAT THERE'S NO MONSTER! AFTER ALL, I CREATED HIM! HA! HA! HA!
IT'S TERRIBLE, WARREN! ONE GUARD MISSING. THE REST REFUSE TO WORK. THE ANIMALS ARE STARVING!
AND NOW THEY BELIEVE THE MONSTER IS EIGHT FEET TALL!
NEXT DAY IN WINDELL'S OFFICE..
AND SO AT MIDNIGHT...
IT'S SILLY TO CARRY THIS RECORDER, SMITH. NOTHING'S GOING TO HAPPEN!
TAKE IT, WARREN, IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO PLAY BACK YEARS FROM NOW!
WARREN, I BEG YOU NOT TO GO!
MIDNIGHT, MR. WIDELL!
AND THAT AFTERNOON HEADLINES SCREAMED THE STARTLING NEWS..
THE Times
WINDELL DENIES EXISTENCE OF MONSTER
WILL WALK ACROSS THE PARK AT MIDNIGHT
SEE YOU ON THE OTHER SIDE IN HALF AN HOUR!
THE MIKE WILL PICK UP WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY. TALK AS YOU WALK ALONG!
A BRAVE MAN... BUT A FOOL TO MEDDLE WITH THE UNKNOWN!

TEN MINUTES LATER
WELL, FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD, I'M NOW AT THE CAGES OF THE BIG CATS THEY DO SEEM RESTLESS, BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF ANY MONSTER!
AS I'VE SAID... THERE ISN'T ANY... AAAAAAAA!
ISN'T THERE, WINDELL?
N-NO...YOU CAN'T BE REAL!
TRUE! BUT A MILLION PEOPLE BELIEVE IN ME, WINDELL... AND THEIR BELIEF GIVES ME LIFE AND GROWTH!
YOU... YOU CAN'T KILL ME! I CREATED YOU. YOU MIGHT DIE TOO!
BUT AS SOON AS I SHOW MYSELF, PEOPLE WILL BELIEVE IN ME AGAIN! YOU CAN'T HURT ME, WINDELL.
I... I..
I KNOW WHAT YOU INTEND TO DO. YOU'RE GOING TO TELL PEOPLE I DON'T EXIST. BUT THAT CAN ONLY MAKE ME GROW SMALLER
AND THE MORE PEOPLE THAT BELIEVE, THE MORE I SHALL GROW

MEANWHILE, A HUGE CROWD WAITS AT THE OTHERSIDE OF THE PARK..
IT'S OVER HALF AN HOUR! I'M BEGINNING TO WORRY!
I TOLD HIM NOT TO... HERE HE COMES NOW!
HERE, MR. WINDELL! SPEAK RIGHT INTO THE MICROPHONE, PLEASE!
HE MADE IT, NOTHING HAPPENED AFTER ALL!
NO? LOOK AT HIS FACE! COME ON, HE NEEDS HELP!
TA-TAKE ME HOME, WILL YOU?
RIGHT AWAY, WARREN!
I REPEAT, THERE IS NO MONSTER IN THE PARK! THERE IS NO MONSTER!
HOORAY! I TOLD YOU WENDELL WOULD FIND OUT!
ATTABOY, WENDELL! WE BELIEVE YOU!
...I THINK I'LL LIE DOWN FOR AWHILE. GOODBYE!
GOODBYE! WHAT CAN HAVE HAPPENED?
LOOK AHMED... THE RECORDER MAYBE WE CAN FIND OUT!
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
TELL US ABOUT IT, WARREN!
NO! NO, I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S BETTER IF I DON'T. YOU'VE BOTH BEEN KIND, BUT..

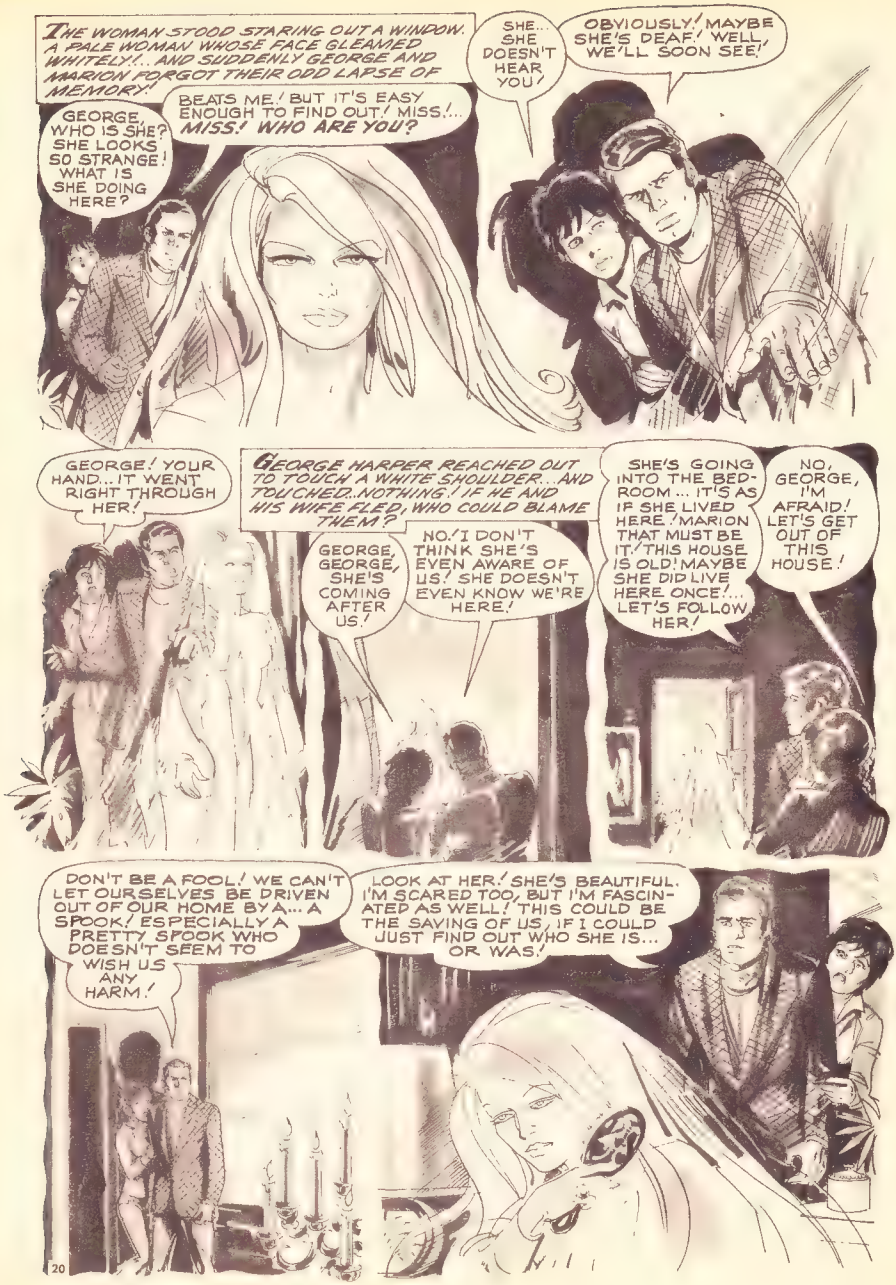
A MOMENT LATER...
WELL, FOR THE SAKE OF THE RECORD, I'M NOW AT THE CAGES OF THE BIG CATS.
AT THAT MOMENT, AS TWO GUARDS RETURN TO WORK AT THE ZOO...
BANG
A SHOT! FROM WARRENS ROOM!
HEY! WHAT'S THAT GURGLING SOUND?
HARRY! SHINE YOUR LIGHT OVER HERE!
IT.. IT'S THE MONSTER!
BUT HE... HE MUSTA SHRUNK OR SOMETHING! AND WHAT'S HE DOING?
HE... HE'S DISAPPEARING RIGHT IN FRONT OF OUR EYES!
WE MUST BE DREAMIN', HARRY!
LEMME OUTA HERE! LEMME OUT! I QUIT!
WAIT, HARRY! IT MUST'VE BEEN ONE OF THEM OPTICAL ILLUSIONS!

AND IN WENDELL'S HOME...
POOR WARREN. WHY WOULD HE KILL HIMSELF?
SMITH! WE LEFT THE RECORDER ON AND LISTEN...
I SHALL GROW AND GROW, BUT BEST OF ALL WINDELL IS THE FACT THAT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE..
..I SHALL LIVE! BECAUSE YOU OF ALL MEN MUST BELIEVE IN ME! GO NOW, WINDELL, AND A LONG LIFE TO YOU! HA! HA!
GOOD HEAVENS! THE THING WAS REAL!
WARREN CONVINCED EVERYONE THAT THERE WAS NO MONSTER... EVERYONE, BUT HIMSELF!
THEN HE SHOT HIMSELF BECAUSE...
...HIS BELIEF WAS KEEPING THE MONSTER ALIVE, SO HE DESTROYED HIMSELF TO RID THE WORLD OF IT!
BUT... BUT AHMED...
NOW WE BELIEVE IN IT! SUPPOSE...
DON'T SAY IT, YOU FOOL... DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT!
THE END

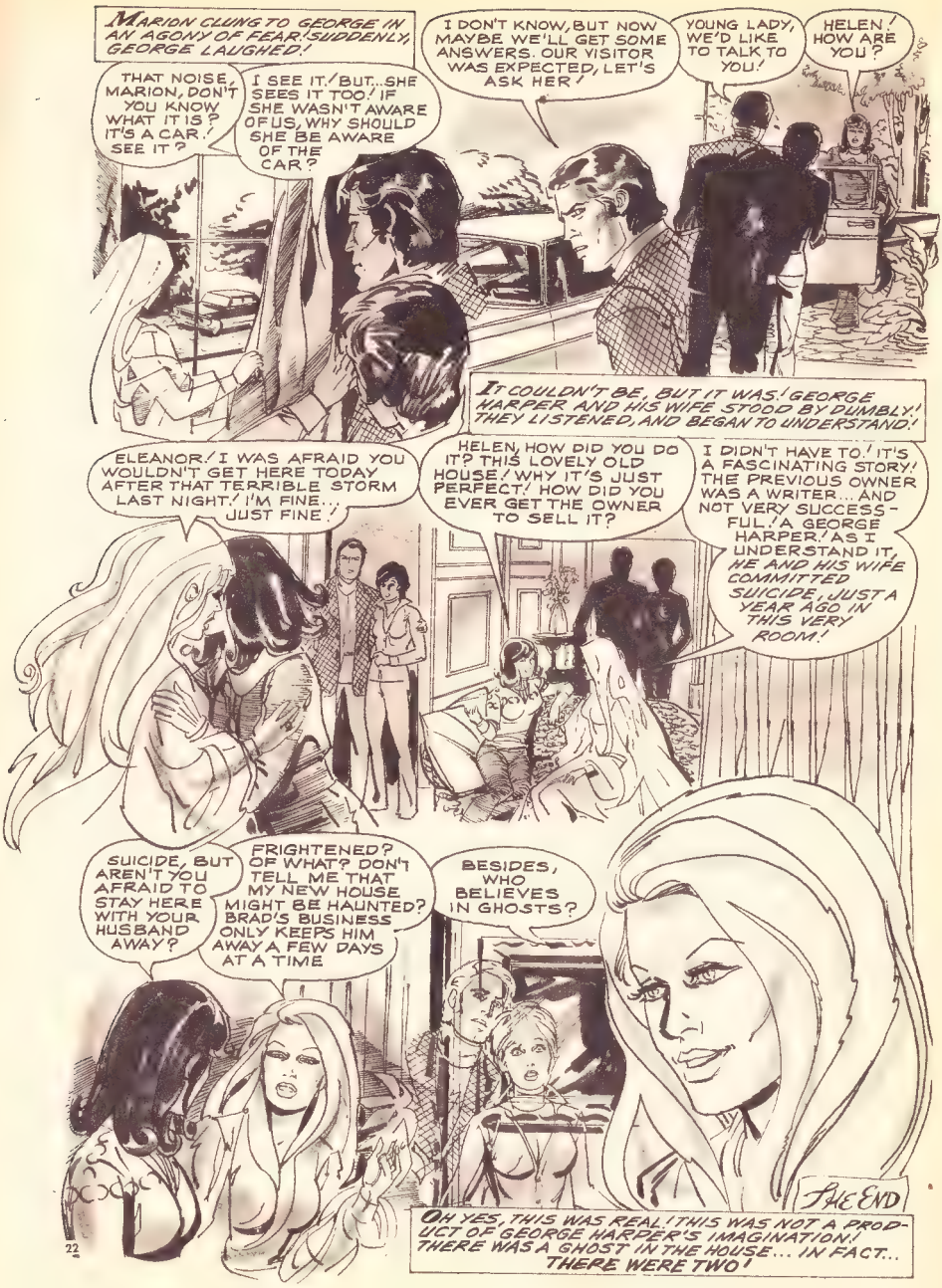
GEORGE HARPER WAS A WRITER, A MASTER OF CREATING NOVEL PLOTS AND STRANGE SITUATIONS... BUT THIS WAS NOT A PRODUCT OF HIS IMAGINATION. THIS WAS ACTUALLY HAPPENING. THERE WAS A..

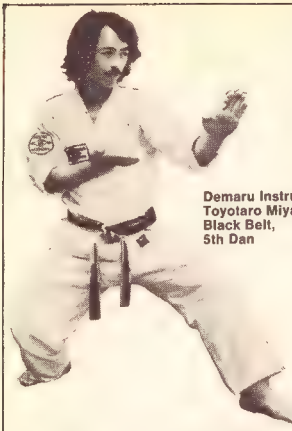
DEAD THING AMONG US!

THE SETTING WAS PERFECT FOR IT! AN OLD HOUSE IN THE COUNTRY, A STORM! IN FICTION THESE THINGS ALWAYS ACCOMPANY A VISIT FROM THE DEAD! BUT AT FIRST GEORGE HARPER AND HIS WIFE DID NOT KNOW THAT THEY WERE NOT ALONE!
WHAT A NIGHT! MARION, WHAT POSSESSED US TO GO WALKING ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS?
I DON'T KNOW, GEORGE! ...I DON'T EVEN REMEMBER GOING OUT!
THE LAST I REMEMBER IT WAS AFTERNOON AND THE SUN WAS SHINING!
FUNNY... BUT THAT'S WHAT I RECALL TOO! I DON'T UNDERSTAND!
MAYBE WE'RE BOTH JUST GETTING OLD, EH? THIS SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING OUT OF ONE OF MY STORIES!
THE STORIES YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SELL
GEORGE! GEORGE, LOOK!
GEORGE AND MARION COULD STILL SMILE, DESPITE THE BILLS, THE STORIES THAT DIDN'T SELL... THE HEARTACHE!
WE WON'T TALK ABOUT THAT, BUT ABOUT THIS OTHER THING, MARION. I DON'T GET IT! PEOPLE DON'T JUST FORGET HALF A DAY OF THEIR LIVES!
NO, THEY DON'T! BUT WE'LL BOTH THINK BETTER OVER SOME HOT COFFEE! COME INTO THE KITCHEN AND I'LL MAKE SOME!


THE WOMAN STOOD STARING OUT A WINDOW. A PALE WOMAN WHOSE FACE GLEAMED WHITELY!... AND SUDDENLY GEORGE AND MARION FORGOT THEIR ODD LAPSE OF MEMORY!
GEORGE, WHO IS SHE? SHE LOOKS SO STRANGE! WHAT IS SHE DOING HERE?
BEATS ME! BUT IT'S EASY ENOUGH TO FIND OUT! MISS!... MISS! WHO ARE YOU?
SHE... SHE DOESN'T HEAR YOU!
OBVIOUSLY! MAYBE SHE'S DEAF! WELL, WE'LL SOON SEE!
GEORGE! YOUR HAND... IT WENT RIGHT THROUGH HER!
GEORGE HARPER REACHED OUT TO TOUCH A WHITE SHOULDER... AND TOUCHED...NOTHING! IF HE AND HIS WIFE FLED, WHO COULD BLAME THEM?
GEORGE, GEORGE, SHE'S COMING AFTER US!
NO! I DON'T THINK SHE'S EVEN AWARE OF US! SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW WE'RE HERE!
SHE'S GOING INTO THE BEDROOM... IT'S AS IF SHE LIVED HERE! MARION THAT MUST BE IT! THIS HOUSE IS OLD! MAYBE SHE DID LIVE HERE ONCE!... LET'S FOLLOW HER!
NO, GEORGE, I'M AFRAID! LET'S GET OUT OF THIS HOUSE!
DON'T BE A FOOL! WE CAN'T LET OURSELVES BE DRIVEN OUT OF OUR HOME BY A... A SPOOK! ESPECIALLY A PRETTY SPOOK WHO DOESN'T SEEM TO WISH US ANY HARM!
LOOK AT HER! SHE'S BEAUTIFUL. I'M SCARED TOO, BUT I'M FASCINATED AS WELL! THIS COULD BE THE SAVING OF US, IF I COULD JUST FIND OUT WHO SHE IS... OR WAS!

MARION, I HAVEN'T SOLD A STORY IN MONTHS! THE EDITORS TELL ME MY PLOTS ARE TOO ORDINARY! BUT I COULD SELL A STORY ABOUT A GHOST IN MY OWN HOUSE! IT MIGHT BE A NEW BEGINNING FOR US!
SO THEY STAYED, TREMBLING, SCARCELY DARING TO BREATHE, BUT THEY STAYED!
THEY WATCHED A SHADOW SLEEP IN THEIR BED... GO THROUGH A MACABRE PARODY OF THE HABITS OF THE LIVING!
GEORGE, IT'S HORRIBLE! WATCHING HER MOVE AROUND, DO ALL THE THINGS A LIVING WOMAN WOULD DO... PLEASE... LET'S GO!
NO!
MARION, I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT HER! IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HER...
OH, NO! DON'T! IF SHE KNOWS WE'RE HERE... THERE'S NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN!
BUT HARPER WAS UTTERLY FASCINATED! HE TRIED TO GET THROUGH TO THAT PALE WRAITH IN EVERY WAY HE COULD THINK OF!
NO USE! I ALWAYS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE LIVING COMMUNICATED WITH THE DEAD BY RAPPING... BUT SHE DOESN'T HEAR!
AND YET SHE SEEMS TO BE LISTENING FOR SOMETHING!
BUT WHAT... WHAT WOULD A DEAD WOMAN BE WAITING FOR?
GEORGE! LISTEN! DO YOU HEAR IT?
YES, A SORT OF HUMMING NOISE... IT'S COMING CLOSER!
GEORGE WHAT IS IT? WHAT IS IT!?


MARION CLUNG TO GEORGE IN AN AGONY OF FEAR! SUDDENLY, GEORGE LAUGHED!
THAT NOISE, MARION, DON'T YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS? IT'S A CAR! SEE IT?
I SEE IT! BUT...SHE SEES IT TOO! IF SHE WASN'T AWARE OF US, WHY SHOULD SHE BE AWARE OF THE CAR?
I DON'T KNOW, BUT NOW MAYBE WE'LL GET SOME ANSWERS. OUR VISITOR WAS EXPECTED, LET'S ASK HER!
YOUNG LADY, WE'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU!
HELEN! HOW ARE YOU?
IT COULDN'T BE, BUT IT WAS! GEORGE HARPER AND HIS WIFE STOOD BY DUMBLY! THEY LISTENED, AND BEGAN TO UNDERSTAND!
ELEANOR! I WAS AFRAID YOU WOULDN'T GET HERE TODAY AFTER THAT TERRIBLE STORM LAST NIGHT! I'M FINE. JUST FINE.
HELEN, HOW DID YOU DO IT? THIS LOVELY OLD HOUSE! WHY IT'S JUST PERFECT! HOW DID YOU EVER GET THE OWNER TO SELL IT?
I DIDN'T HAVE TO! IT'S A FASCINATING STORY! THE PREVIOUS OWNER WAS A WRITER... AND NOT VERY SUCCESSFUL! A GEORGE HARPER! AS I UNDERSTAND IT, HE AND HIS WIFE COMMITTED SUICIDE, JUST A YEAR AGO IN THIS VERY ROOM!
SUICIDE, BUT AREN'T YOU AFRAID TO STAY HERE WITH YOUR HUSBAND AWAY?
FRIGHTENED? OF WHAT? DON'T TELL ME THAT MY NEW HOUSE MIGHT BE HAUNTED? BRAD'S BUSINESS ONLY KEEPS HIM AWAY A FEW DAYS AT A TIME
BESIDES, WHO BELIEVES IN GHOSTS?
THE END
OH YES, THIS WAS REAL! THIS WAS NOT A PRODUCT OF GEORGE HARPER'S IMAGINATION! THERE WAS A GHOST IN THE HOUSE... IN FACT... THERE WERE TWO!



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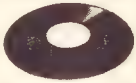

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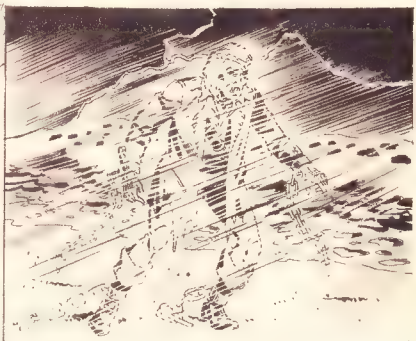
GHOSTS THAT WALK FOREVER

HARRY MAIN WAS HIS NAME WHEN HE WAS ALIVE, AND NO BLACKER A MAN DID LIVE! HE RAVAGED THE NEW ENGLAND COAST WITH HIS ACTS OF PIRACY!

THEN, MAIN TURNED TO BEING A WRECKER. HE BUILT FIRES ON THE SANDS TO DECOY VESSELS AMONG THE BREAKERS AND WRECK THEM.

BUT, ONE DAY, THE MURDERER WAS FINALLY CAUGHT AND CHAINED ON THE BEACH.

THAT NIGHT, A RIPPING STORM HIT THE NEW ENGLAND COAST. THE PEOPLE FROZE IN THEIR HOMES WHEN THEY HEARD MAIN'S SHOUTING RISE ABOVE THE HOWLING GALE



EVEN TODAY THERE ARE NEW ENGLANDERS WHO STILL CLAIM TO SEE HARRY MAIN'S GHOST WALKING THE SHORE... AND WHEN HE WALKS A STORM RAGES!

CREATURE OF EVIL
THERE ARE THINGS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF SCIENCE! NO MAN KNOWS WHAT LEVIATHAN CREATURES HAUNT THE SEAS AT THEIR MURKY DEPTHS, SO THAT THE TALES TOLD BY ANCIENT MARINERS OF SEA DEVILS MAY BE TRUE! BUT THERE WERE SKEPTICS...
GO AHEAD, LAUGH, BUT FERNANDE TELLS YOU THERE ARE TERRORS IN THE SEA THAT CAN FREEZE YOUR BLOOD!
WHERE ARE THESE SEA MONSTERS YOU TALK ABOUT? BAH, THEY EXIST ONLY IN YOUR MIND!
YOU MAY NOT BELIEVE IN SEA MONSTERS, BUT LISTEN-- THE MOON HAS BLOOD ON IT TONIGHT! IT IS AN EVIL OMEN!
YOU SPEAK LIKE AN OLD WOMAN, FERNANDE! TOMORROW WILL BE PERFECT FOR FISHING!

LIKE FERNANDE SAID, THE MOON IS SURROUNDED BY A BLOODY HALO! PERHAPS WE SHOULD LISTEN TO THE OLD ONE!
I TELL YOU, THE OLDER HE GETS, THE CRAZIER HE BECOMES!
DAWN CAME TO JEAN DES PRES, BRING A PERFECT DAY FOR FISHING--
WHAT A DAY! WE'LL COME HOME WITH A PRIZE CATCH! UP WITH THE ANCHOR, JACQUES!
HA, HA! DID YOU SEE FERNANDE AT THE WARF, WARNING US AGAIN!
ALL DAY THE FISH RAN HEAVY! THE NETS WERE EMPTIED AGAIN AND AGAIN...
THIS IS OUR LIMIT! LETS HEAD FOR HOME!
RIGHT! OURS IS THE LAST TO LEAVE THE BANKS!
SUDDENLY...
WHAT'S THAT? WE'VE STOPPED
LOOK!! THAT GIANT HAND! IT'S...IT'S HOLDING US BACK!
RACING FOR HOME THE HEAVILY LADEN BOAT REACHED THE SHOAL INLET...
WAIT TILL FERNANDE SEES THIS CATCH! HIS EYES WILL POP!
HA, HA! THE MOON WAS RED! LET IT BE RED EVERY NIGHT IF THIS IS THE RESULT!
SACRÉ BLEU! WHAT IS THAT HORRIBLE CREATURE?
AAAA!!!!!
THE MONSTER IS DRAGGING US DOWN!

ON THE WHARF, THE FISHERMAN KEPT AN ALL NIGHT VIGIL FOR THE MISSING BOAT...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND, FERNANDE! I SAW JACQUES' BOAT! WE PASSED IT COMING IN! THE SEA WAS PERFECTLY CALM!
THERE ARE MANY THINGS IN THE SEA YOU HAVE NEVER DREAMED OF BASILE!
FROM MORNING TILL EARLY EVENING A SEARCH PARTY SCOURED THE INLET...
NOT A TRACE! NOT EVEN A PIECE OF SAIL CLOTH! THEY SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SWALLOWED UP!
IT'S USELESS TO SEARCH FURTHER!
YOU ARE JUST TRYING TO FRIGHTEN US, OLD FOOL! TOMORROW WE GO TO FISH!
LOOK, AGAIN THE MOON IS RED! YOU HAD BETTER STAY ON LAND TOMORROW! BUT IF YOU INSIST ON FISHING, THROW PART OF YOUR CATCH BACK INTO THE SEA!
POOR JACQUES! HIS BOAT MUCH HAVE STRUCK A REEF IN THE INLET, FERNANDE?
JACQUES COULD NAVIGATE THIS INLET BLINDFOLDED! AND HOW IS IT THERE ARE NO BODIES?
FERNANDE'S ADVICE WENT UNHEEDED...
IT WAS A GOOD IDEA TO SEND THE BOATS OUT IN PAIRS, HENRI! THIS WAY ONE CAN HELP THE OTHER OUT!
FERNANDE SHOULD BE IN THE MAD-HOUSE! I WON'T THROW A FISH BACK!
WE HAD A RECORD DAY, BASILE! WE SHOULD THROW PART OF THE CATCH BACK!
JUST AS THEY REACHED THE ROCK-LINED INLET...

THIS IS HOW JACQUES AND HIS MEN DISAPPEARED! WHAT CAN WE DO AGAINST THIS DEVIL BEAST?
AAY!!
FIGHT! GRAB A GAFF HOOK! TRY TO SMASH HIS HEAD!
UNGH! HIS HEAD IS SOLID AS A ROCK!
AGAIN! NAME OF A DEVIL! HIT HIM AGAIN! DON'T STOP OR WE ARE LOST!
ARRooow
FLUNG FAR FROM THE SPLINTERED BOATS, BASILE, STILL PETRIFIED WITH FRIGHT, WITNESSED A TERRIFYING SIGHT...
WHAT A HELLISH CREATURE! I MUST GET AWAY BEFORE HE DESTROYS ME, TOO!
ARRR
Roo
SWIMMING LIKE ONE POSSESSED, BASILE NEARED THE WHARF...
MY ARMS ARE LIKE...(GASP)... LEAD! BUT I'M SAFE--SAFE FROM THAT SEA HORROR!

WHAT HAPPENED, BASILE? WHERE ARE THE BOATS?
LATER, FOR QUESTIONS! (GASP)...GET ME TO A FIRE! I'M CHILLED TO THE BONE!
BASILE RELATED THE HARROWING ADVENTURE TO HIS SHOCKED COMRADES...
AND THEN I SAW THE MONSTER WHOSE GIGANTIC HANDS, EACH AS BIG AS A...ROOM, PULLING THE BOATS DOWN! I DID NOT SEE ANY OTHER SURVIVORS!
BUT WHY SHOULD THIS HELL FIEND ATTACK US?
THOSE MONSTERS LIVE IN THE DEEPEST REGIONS OF THE SEA! IF YOU HAD THROW PART OF YOUR CATCH OVERBOARD, HE WOULDN'T HAVE ATTACKED!
MAYBE SOMEONE BESIDES BASILE GOT AWAY! WE'LL LOOK TOMORROW!
TAKE ME WITH YOU! I KNOW WHERE THE MONSTER ATTACKED! I CAN LEAD YOU THERE!
NO, BASILE! WE KNOW YOU ARE BRAVE, BUT YOU WERE MARKED AS DOOMED! WE CANNOT RISK TAKING YOU ALONG!
BUT I CANNOT STAY ON LAND WHILE YOU RISK YOUR LIVES!
I HAVE A LONGBOAT! YOU AND I SHALL GO TOGETHER!
I NEVER KNEW YOU OWNED THIS, FERNANDE!
A GRAY, OMINOUS DAWN BROKE OVER JEAN DES PRES...
A RELIC OF THE OLD DAYS! IT CAME FROM MY FATHER'S WHALING SHIP, THE MYSTIQUE!
SEE, WE DO NOT GO UNARMED! EVERYTHING IS OILED AND SHIPSHAPE!
A HARPOON GUN! I'VE FIRED ONE BEFORE! NOW I WOULD LIKE TO MEET THIS SEA MONSTER!

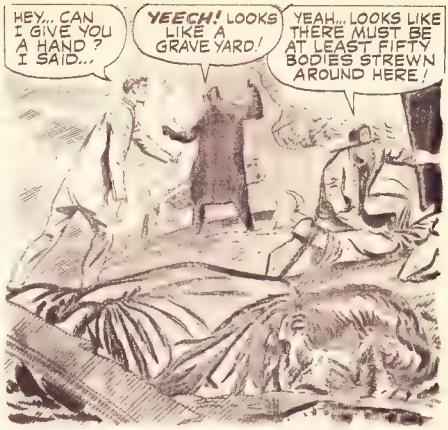
THE SEARCH CONTINUED FOR HOURS...
AYE, BASILE, AND I SEE THE REST OF THE BOATS TURNING BACK I CAN FEEL A SQUALL RISING!
IT LOOKS LIKE THE MONSTER DIDN'T SPARE ONE OF THEM!
HAD ENOUGH, BASILE? THE BOAT IS HARD TO HANDLE!
FERNANDE! WAIT! LOOK! A HAND COMING OUT OF THE WATER!
HE'S COMING TOWARD US! QUICK, BASILE FIRE!
I WANT THIS HARPOON TO STRIKE HIS BRAIN! HE'S COMING INTO MY SIGHTS!
NOW!
BLAM
A BORN HARPOONER! RIGHT THROUGH THE HEAD!
THIS AVENGES THE DEATHS OF MY SHIPMATES! NEVER AGAIN SHALL WE BE PLAGUED WITH MONSTERS AT JEAN DES PRES!
BUT AS THEY WATCHED THE SINKING MONSTER, A NEW UNEXPECTED HORROR ROSE OFF THEIR BOW!
I WOULD NEVER HAVE BELIEVE THAT SUCH CREATURES EXIST!
BRRRR, I'VE SEEN ENOUGH! LET'S GET BACK! THE SQUALL IS BREAKING OVER US!
AAAAAP
LOOK OUT! IT'S ANOTHER, SEEKING REVENGE!

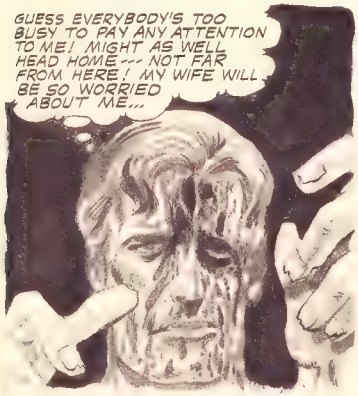
EEEAAARR
STAY BACK, YOU WATERY HELL-FIEND! BACK I SAY!
AFTER CRUSHING THE LIFE OUT OF BASILE, THE CREATURE SHIFTED HIS ATTENTION--
YOU WON'T TAKE ME AS BASILE! FEEL THIS AXE, MONSTER!
JOIN YOUR COMRADE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA!
ARRRO
FERNANDE REMEMBERED NO MORE! THE MERCIFUL SQUALL DROVE HIS BOAT TO LAND...
TWO OF THEM! WE KILLED TWO OF THEM, BUT BASILE WAS CAUGHT! SEE, I HAVE PROOF...
HA HA HA HA
HE'S HYSTERICAL! GET HIM TO THE BISTRO, QUICKLY!
NOW YOU'LL BELIEVE THERE ARE SEA MONSTERS! I CHOPPED OFF A FINGER BEFORE I KILLED IT... LOOK!
FERNANDE IS STARK RAVING MAD! IT'S JUST PART OF A STRANGE FISH HE CAUGHT!
IF YOU'RE EVER IN JEAN DES PRES, DROP IN TO SEE OLD FERNANDE! HE'LL TELL YOU THE STORY WORD FOR WORD, AND SHOW YOU THE MONSTER'S FINGER!
the End

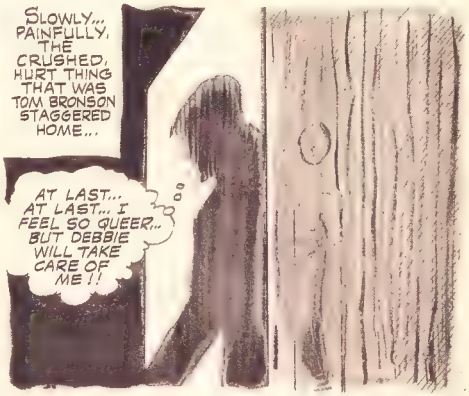
SCREAMING THROUGH THE BLACK NIGHT TWO TRAINS RACE TOWARD EACH OTHER IN AN UNKNOWN APPOINTMENT WITH **DEATH!!** THE SCREAMS OF THE VICTIMS MIX WITH A DISTANT EVIL WAIL AND OUT OF THE FIRE AND BLOOD OF THIS **MIDNIGHT CATASTROPHE** WALKS...

THE DEMON FROM BEYOND

SAY... IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN DO? HEY... LISTEN... YOU GUYS DEAF OR SOMETHING?
QUICK, JOE... TRY AND SMASH THAT JAMMED DOOR! HEY, MIKE... OVER THIS WAY... HURRY!!


HEY... CAN I GIVE YOU A HAND? I SAID...
YEECH! LOOKS LIKE A GRAVE YARD!
YEAH... LOOKS LIKE THERE MUST BE AT LEAST FIFTY BODIES STREWN AROUND HERE!


GUESS EVERYBODY'S TOO BUSY TO PAY ANY ATTENTION TO ME! MIGHT AS WELL HEAD HOME--- NOT FAR FROM HERE! MY WIFE WILL BE SO WORRIED ABOUT ME...


SLOWLY... PAINFULLY, THE CRUSHED, HURT THING THAT WAS TOM BRONSON STAGGERED HOME...
AT LAST... AT LAST... I FEEL SO QUEER... BUT DEBBIE WILL TAKE CARE OF ME!!

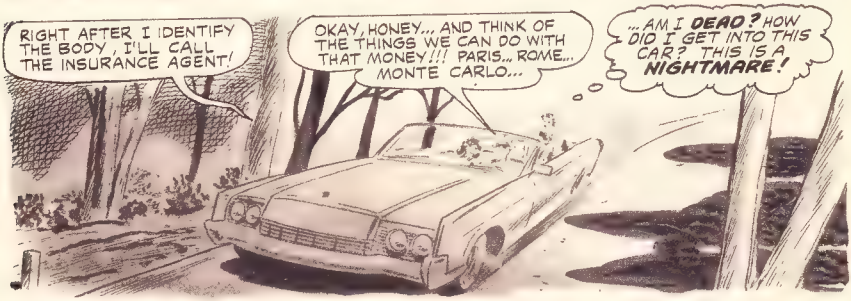
DEBBIE! DEBBIE! I MADE IT! DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TRAIN WRECK? IT WAS HORRIBLE... I'M HURT...

FROM OUT OF HIS TORTURED THROAT, TOM BRONSON CALLED TO HIS WIFE, BEGGED HER TO HELP HIM IN HIS PAIN AND MISERY, BUT TOM'S WIFE SAW... NOTHING!
MMM... WONDER HOW THAT DOOR GOT OPEN... I THOUGHT I LOCKED IT!
RINGGGG!

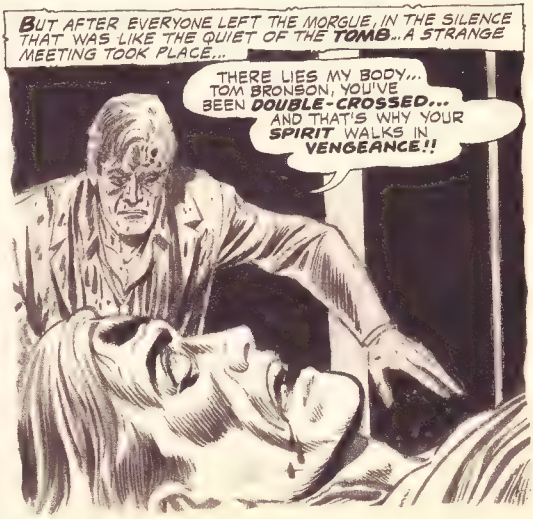
WHAT WAS THAT? A TRAIN WRECK? M-MY HUSBAND DEAD!
YES, MRS. BRONSON... SORRY TO TELL YOU THIS! PLEASE COME DOWN TO IDENTIFY THE... BODY!!
I'M DEAD! THAT'S WHY NO ONE COULD SEE OR HEAR ME! BUT WHY SHOULD I STILL WALK THE EARTH?

SO TOM'S DEAD! WHAT A BREAK! I'VE GOT TO TELL BOB THE GOOD NEWS!
DEBBIE! ARE YOU CRAZY? I'M HERE!

BOB... I JUST GOT WORD THAT TOM IS DEAD! YES.. KILLED IN THE WRECK! THE FATES MUST BE ON OUR SIDE! SAVES US THE JOB OF GETTING RID OF HIM AND HIS INSURANCE WILL PAY DOUBLE BECAUSE OF THE ACCIDENT!
WONDERFUL, BABY... I'LL BE RIGHT OVER!

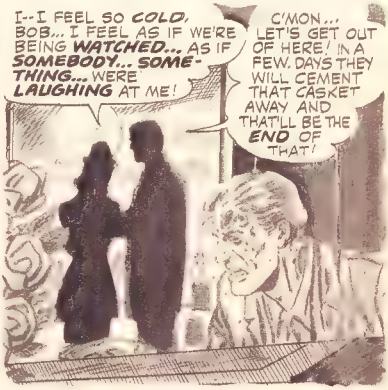

RIGHT AFTER I IDENTIFY THE BODY, I'LL CALL THE INSURANCE AGENT!
OKAY, HONEY... AND THINK OF THE THINGS WE CAN DO WITH THAT MONEY!!! PARIS... ROME... MONTE CARLO...
...AM I DEAD? HOW DID I GET INTO THIS CAR? THIS IS A NIGHTMARE!

YES... SOB... THAT'S TOM... MY DEAR HUSBAND... SOB-SOB!
TERRIBLY SORRY, MRS. BRONSON!
MORGUE


BUT AFTER EVERYONE LEFT THE MORGUE, IN THE SILENCE THAT WAS LIKE THE QUIET OF THE TOMB... A STRANGE MEETING TOOK PLACE...
THERE LIES MY BODY... TOM BRONSON, YOU'VE BEEN DOUBLE-CROSSED... AND THAT'S WHY YOUR SPIRIT WALKS IN VENGEANCE!!

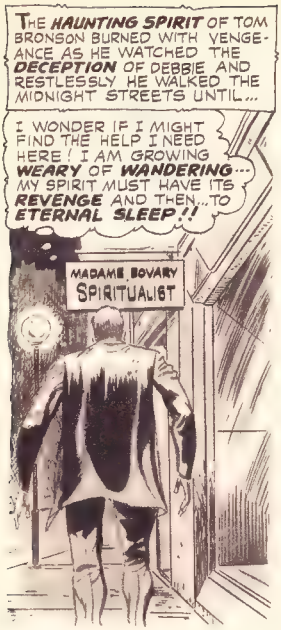
SOB-SOB-SOB-SOB!
TAKE IT EASY, BABY! DON'T OVER DO IT!
A GRAVEYARD IS A BIG PLACE... THERE'S ROOM FOR MORE THAN ONE IN THE FAMILY CRYPT!

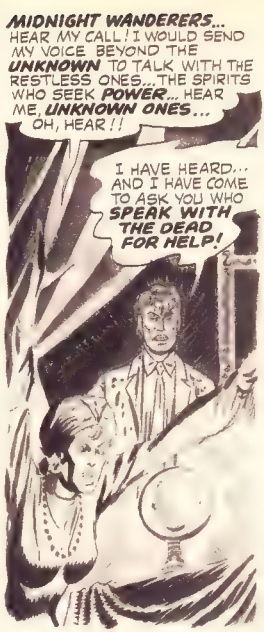
...AND MAY TOM BRONSON WHO MET DEATH SO EARLY IN LIFE AS THE RESULT OF AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT FIND EVER-LASTING PEACE...


I--I FEEL SO COLD, BOB... I FEEL AS IF WE'RE BEING WATCHED... AS IF SOMEBODY... SOMETHING... WERE LAUGHING AT ME!
C'MON... LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! IN A FEW DAYS THEY WILL CEMENT THAT CASKET AWAY AND THAT'LL BE THE END OF THAT!

POOR TOM! I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO GO ON WITHOUT HIM!
THERE, THERE, DEBBIE... YOU MUST BEAR UP!
TIME WILL HEAL YOUR WOUND!

YOU'RE DOING FINE, BABY... YOU OUGHT TO GO ON THE STAGE! I'LL CALL YOU TOMORROW!
IN A FEW DAYS I SHOULD GET THE INSURANCE MONEY... MEANWHILE I'LL HAVE TO KEEP UP WITH THIS MOURNING ACT!


THE HAUNTING SPIRIT OF TOM BRONSON BURNED WITH VENGEANCE AS HE WATCHED THE DECEPTION OF DEBBIE AND RESTLESSLY HE WALKED THE MIDNIGHT STREETS UNTIL...
I WONDER IF I MIGHT FIND THE HELP I NEED HERE! I AM GROWING WEARY OF WANDERING... MY SPIRIT MUST HAVE ITS REVENGE AND THEN...TO ETERNAL SLEEP!!
MADAME BOVARY SPIRITUALIST


MIDNIGHT WANDERERS... HEAR MY CALL! I WOULD SEND MY VOICE BEYOND THE UNKNOWN TO TALK WITH THE RESTLESS ONES...THE SPIRITS WHO SEEK POWER... HEAR ME, UNKNOWN ONES... OH, HEAR!!
I HAVE HEARD... AND I HAVE COME TO ASK YOU WHO SPEAK WITH THE DEAD FOR HELP!

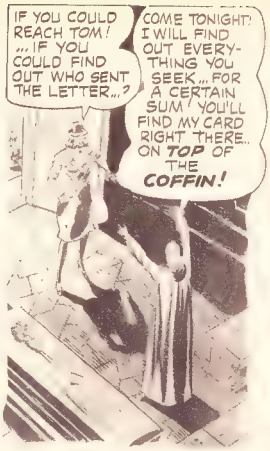
YES.. I WILL HELP YOU FOR A FEE! FOR EVEN THE DEAD MUST PAY THE BLACK SORCERERS!
YOU WILL BE WELL PAID... NOW, FIRST YOU MUST WRITE A LETTER FOR ME...

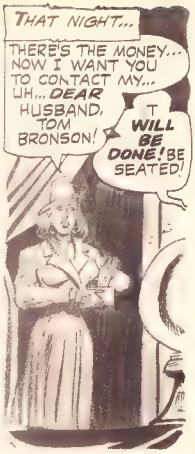
AND SO... IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT THE BARGAIN IS MADE, AND A FEW DAYS LATER...
I KNOW YOU EXPECTED THE MONEY, BUT WE JUST RECEIVED THIS LETTER SIGNED BY YOUR HUSBAND TOM BRONSON!
BUT-BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! I IDENTIFIED THE BODY MYSELF...AND IT'S LYING IN THE FAMILY CRYPT! THIS IS SOMEBODY'S CRUEL JOKE!

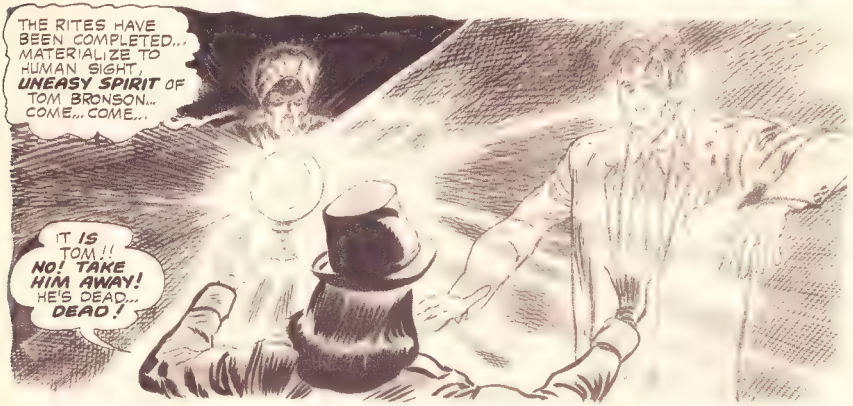
UNDOUBTEDLY YOU ARE RIGHT! BUT WE WILL HAVE TO INVESTIGATE THIS LETTER BEFORE WE CAN TURN THE MONEY OVER!
ALL RIGHT... JUST AS LONG AS IT WON'T TAKE TOO LONG! I'M GOING TO THE CRYPT TODAY--TO BRING FRESH FLOWERS! I MISS TOM SO..

I'LL BE GLAD WHEN THEY'VE FINALLY CEMENTED THIS CASKET AWAY SO I DON'T HAVE TO KEEP UP THIS PRETENSE OF DEVOTION!! WONDER ABOUT THAT LETTER! WHO... OH!

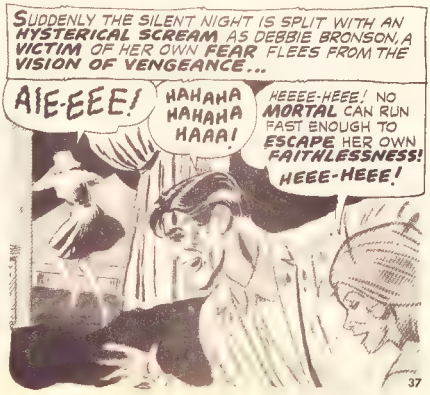
YOU...YOU ALMOST FRIGHTENED ME TO DEATH! WHO ARE YOU? WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MY NAME IS MADAME BOVARY! I AM A FREQUENTER OF GRAVEYARDS... AND I HELP THE TROUBLED SOULS OF THE DEAR DEPARTED! TALK WITH THE...UH... LIVING!! YOU LOOK AS IF YOU NEED HELP, MY DEAR!

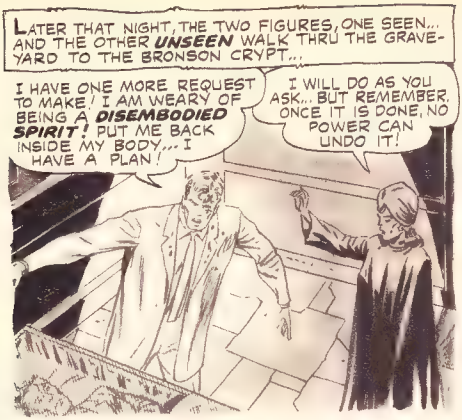

IF YOU COULD REACH TOM! ...IF YOU COULD FIND OUT WHO SENT THE LETTER...?
COME TONIGHT! I WILL FIND OUT EVERYTHING YOU SEEK...FOR A CERTAIN SUM! YOU'LL FIND MY CARD RIGHT THERE... ON TOP OF THE COFFIN!


THAT NIGHT...
THERE'S THE MONEY... NOW I WANT YOU TO CONTACT MY... UH... DEAR HUSBAND, TOM BRONSON!
IT WILL BE DONE! BE SEATED!


THE RITES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED... MATERIALIZE TO HUMAN SIGHT, UNEASY SPIRIT OF TOM BRONSON... COME... COME...
IT IS TOM!! NO! TAKE HIM AWAY! HE'S DEAD... DEAD!

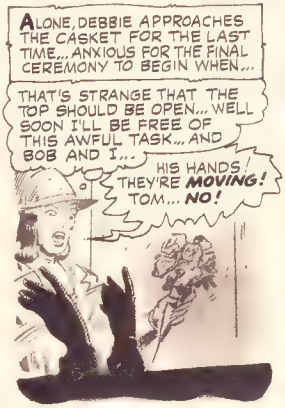
WHY DO YOU LOOK AT ME THAT WAY, TOM?
IT'S YOUR OWN TROUBLED CONSCIENCE THAT MAKES YOU FEARFUL!! MY SPIRIT CANNOT REST BECAUSE YOU HAVE BROKEN FAITH WITH ME!!


SUDDENLY THE SILENT NIGHT IS SPLIT WITH AN HYSTERICAL SCREAM AS DEBBIE BRONSON, A VICTIM OF HER OWN FEAR FLEES FROM THE VISION OF VENGEANCE...
AIE-EEE!
HAHAHA HAHAHA HAAA!
HEEEE-HEEE! NO MORTAL CAN RUN FAST ENOUGH TO ESCAPE HER OWN FAITHLESSNESS! HEEE-HEEE!


LATER THAT NIGHT, THE TWO FIGURES, ONE SEEN... AND THE OTHER UNSEEN WALK THRU THE GRAVEYARD TO THE BRONSON CRYPT...
I HAVE ONE MORE REQUEST TO MAKE! I AM WEARY OF BEING A DISEMBODIED SPIRIT! PUT ME BACK INSIDE MY BODY... I HAVE A PLAN!
I WILL DO AS YOU ASK... BUT REMEMBER, ONCE IT IS DONE, NO POWER CAN UNDO IT!

MAR RION BEL EF FONTOV LORREL TON!

THE NEXT DAY...
IT'LL SOON BE OVER! TODAY THE CASKET WILL BE SEALED AWAY! SHALL I GO IN WITH YOU?
YES... NO! THIS IS THE LAST TIME... I'LL GO IN ALONE! IT'LL LOOK BETTER!


ALONE, DEBBIE APPROACHES THE CASKET FOR THE LAST TIME... ANXIOUS FOR THE FINAL CEREMONY TO BEGIN WHEN...
THAT'S STRANGE THAT THE TOP SHOULD BE OPEN... WELL SOON I'LL BE FREE OF THIS AWFUL TASK... AND BOB AND I...
HIS HANDS! THEY'RE MOVING! TOM... NO!

DON'T, TOM! PLEASE! I'LL DO ANYTHING YOU SAY... I WON'T TOUCH THE MONEY... I'LL GIVE BOB UP... I'LL...

THE POINTED EDGE OF DEATH SLOWLY INCHES TOWARD THE SOFT, PULSATING THROAT OF DEBBIE BRONSON !! HER EYES STRAIN WITH TERROR, HER STRENGTH WANES... AND THEN...
AAIEEERGHGG-A-GG!
GREAT SCOTT! WHAT WAS THAT?

OH! THE POOR THING! SHE'S KILLED HERSELF!
GUESS SHE COULDN'T LIVE WITHOUT HIM!
THE END

IT WAS A STRUCTURE OF METAL...OF CONCRETE. IT WAS MATERIALISTIC...NATURALISTIC. YET IT WAS MORE THAN A....

HAUNT

IT IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE LONDON BRIDGE...AND A CAR RACES DOWN THE BRIDGE...

WELL, THAT ROBBERY WAS A CINCH! BUT ISN'T IT TOO BAD THAT WE'VE GOT TO SPLIT THE BANK'S MONEY, RAND?

HEH! YOU'RE QUITE A JOKER, MORLEY!

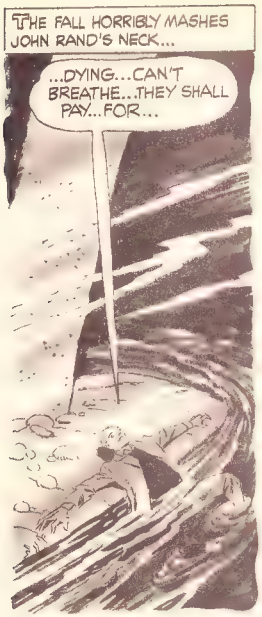
THEN THE CAR SUDDENLY COMES TO A HALT...FOUR MEN GET OUT.

WHAT THE...! MORLEY!

I WASN'T KIDDING, RAND---I'D RATHER SPLIT THE LOOT ***THREE*** WAYS THAN ***FOUR!***

MORLEY! I-- **AIIIEEE!!**

HAPPY LANDING, RAND! ***HA-HA!***


THE FALL HORRIBLY MASHES JOHN RAND'S NECK...
...DYING...CAN'T BREATHE...THEY SHALL PAY...FOR...

AGGRRAA...

AND LATER THAT NIGHT....
HA-HA! IT'S TOO BAD RAND COULDN'T BE WITH US TO SHARE THE PROFITS, ISN'T IT?
YES...TOO BAD INDEED!

THINGS WENT WELL FOR THE THREE MEN...AT LEAST FOR A YEAR, BUT THEN ONCE AGAIN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE OPENING OF THE BRIDGE...

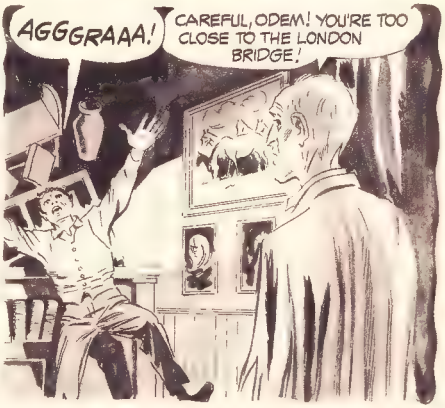
REVENGE!
AIIEEK! IT'S HORRIBLE!

IT'S GHASTLY!
AIIEEE!

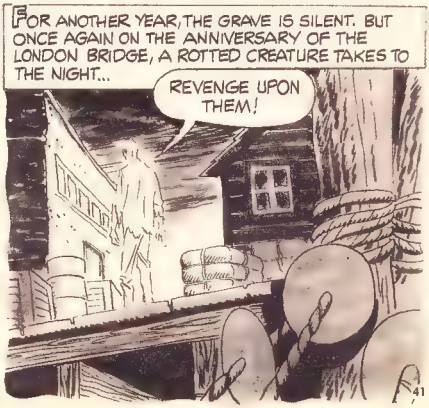
THE VISION HAS A PURPOSE...AND THE VISION FINDS ITS GOAL!
IT'S.... WHAAAAAA!

REMEMBER ME, ODEM?
YOU'RE DEAD! KEEP AWAY!

BUT THE VISION DOESN'T KEEP BACK... IT HAS A TASK TO PERFORM!
WE KILLED YOU! YOU'RE--! AIIEEE!


AGGGRAAA!
CAREFUL, ODEM! YOU'RE TOO CLOSE TO THE LONDON BRIDGE!

REVENGE! GOODBYE, ODEM...REVENGE!


FOR ANOTHER YEAR, THE GRAVE IS SILENT. BUT ONCE AGAIN ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE LONDON BRIDGE, A ROTTED CREATURE TAKES TO THE NIGHT...
REVENGE UPON THEM!

...AND FINDS MURDOCK MORLEY'S SECOND HENCHMAN.
I...WHAAAAA!

A!!EEE!
REMEMBER ME, DO YOU, MURDOCK?

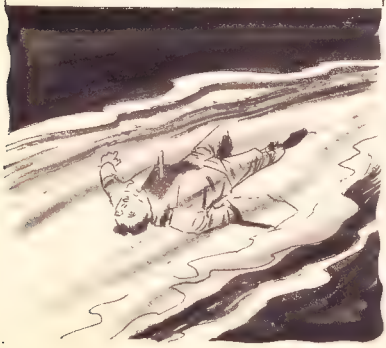
KEEP AWAY! KEEP AWAY!

WE KILLED YOU ONCE, RAND! WE CAN DO IT AGAIN!
I'M COMING FOR YOU, MURDOCK!

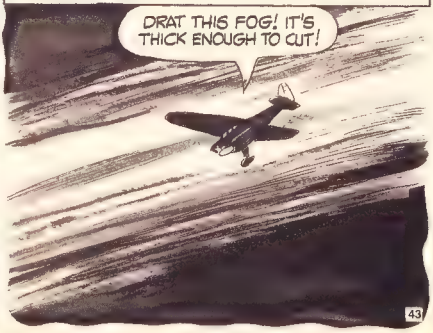
MURDOCK RAN---UNTIL THERE WAS NO OTHER PLACE TO RUN...
YOU'LL NEVER GET ME, RAND! I'LL...WHAAAA! THE WATER!

A!EEEE! I'M TRAPPED!

AND THE FANTASTIC ASSOCIATION BETWEEN JOHN RAND AND THE LONDON BRIDGE CONTINUES!

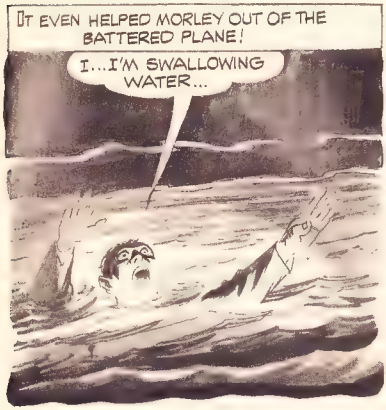


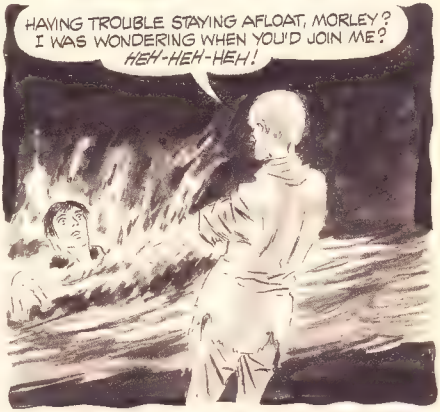
YES, IT IS ONCE MORE A YEAR TO THE DAY LATER .. ...AND A LONE AIRPLANE IS LOST IN THE ENCOMPASSING LONDON FOG! ITS LONE OCCUPANT IS *ENOS MORLEY!*



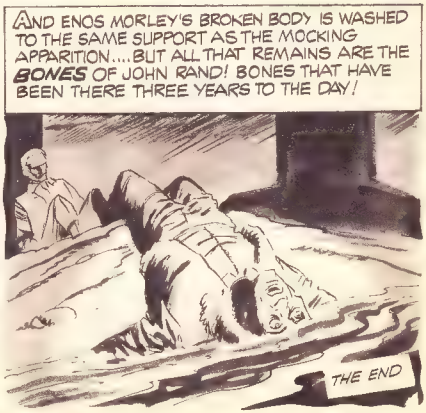
IF I DON'T....WHAA! THE BRIDGE...!

YES, FATE HAS A FUNNY WAY...


IT EVEN HELPED MORLEY OUT OF THE BATTERED PLANE!
I...I'M SWALLOWING WATER...


HAVING TROUBLE STAYING AFLOAT, MORLEY? I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D JOIN ME? HEH-HEH-HEH!

RAND! NO, IT CAN'T BE! AGGGRRRAA! I'M SINKING! HELP ME... AGGGRRAAA!


AND ENOS MORLEY'S BROKEN BODY IS WASHED TO THE SAME SUPPORT AS THE MOCKING APPARITION....BUT ALL THAT REMAINS ARE THE BONES OF JOHN RAND! BONES THAT HAVE BEEN THERE THREE YEARS TO THE DAY!
THE END

THE EVIL ONES

THIS IS THE STORY OF ONE MAN, JOHN ARNO, WHO MADE A FANTASTIC PACT WITH **DEATH** IN RETURN FOR HAPPINESS! BUT HAPPINESS MEANT **POWER** TO HIM, POWER SO STRONG, SO INFLEXIBLE, SO COMPLETELY IN CONTROL OF OTHER LIVES, THAT ONLY **DEATH** COULD CRUSH ITS TENTACLES IN THE END!

AT A LOCAL BAR IN A SMALL MID-WESTERN CITY...

WHILE HE MUMBLED THUS, A STRANGE OLD MAN WATCHED HIM...

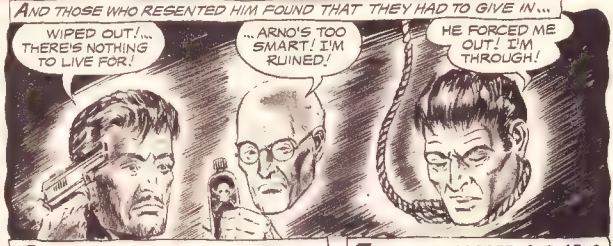
HEH, HEH! DID YOU SAY "ANYTHING"? PARDON MY CURIOSITY, JOHN ARNO, BUT IF YOU REALLY WANT YOUR WIFE BACK, I MAY BE OF SOME SERVICE!
WHA...? WHO ARE YOU?
HEH, HEH! I HAVE... WAYS! COME! IT WON'T TAKE MORE THAN A MOMENT FOR YOU TO HEAR MY PROPOSITION! MY SHOP IS AROUND THE CORNER!
WHAT CAN I LOSE? MAYBE HE CAN HELP ME!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, THEY STOPPED IN FRONT OF A SHOP AT THE END OF A SHABBY STREET...
IS THIS YOUR... UH... SHOP? ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN DO SOMETHING?
YOU'LL SEE!
THE DOOR OPENED, AND...
WHY-- IT'S MAGNIFICENT! ALL THESE CANDLES BUT WHY ARE THEY LIT UP?
EACH CANDLE REPRESENTS THE LIFE-FLAME OF A HUMAN BEING WHO DIES WHEN IT IS EXTINGUISHED! OF COURSE THAT DEPENDS UPON MY WHIM, BECAUSE I'M THE KEEPER OF THE FLAMES!
HEH, HEH! I'M ALSO KNOWN AS-- DEATH!
I THOUGHT SO! THE OLD COOT IS CRAZY!
YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT THE LENGTH OF EACH CANDLE CORRESPONDS TO THE NUMBER OF YEARS A PERSON CAN LIVE!
YES! FOR EXAMPLE... THE SHORT ONE IS YOUR WIFE'S!
THAT DOES IT! I WAS A FOOL TO THINK YOU COULD HELP ME!
TURN AROUND AND LOOK AT ME!

A COMPELLING FORCE WHIRLED JOHN ARNO AROUND AND...
IT'S TRUE THEN! YOU ARE DEATH! I WAS WRONG! PLEASE! YOU MUST LET MY WIFE LIVE! I'LL DO ANYTHING! ONLY HELP ME!
OF COURSE, I WILL, ARNO! BUT IN RETURN FOR THIS FAVOR, YOU'LL BE MY--AH-- REPRESENTATIVE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME EQUAL TO THE LENGTH I'VE TAKEN FROM YOUR CANDLE!
YES, YES! ANYTHING!
GOOD! I'VE EXTENDED YOUR WIFE'S LIFE SPAN! YOU'LL HAVE POWER, ARNO! THINK OF IT-- PEOPLE WILL BE YOUR SLAVES! THEY'LL FIGHT FOR YOU! YES, THEY'LL EVEN DIE FOR YOU, BECAUSE I'LL BE AT YOUR ELBOW, ALWAYS! HA, HA, HA!
FEEL...SO... FUNNY...
MOMENTS LATER, JOHN ARNO FOUND HIMSELF WANDERING AIMLESSLY ON THE STREET...
O-- MY HEAD! IT MUST HAVE BEEN THOSE DRINKS! I DREAMT I WAS WITH AN OLD MAN...GOOD HEAVENS! I'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT ALICE...MUST GET TO THE HOSPITAL!
TWENTY MINUTES LATER...
I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT! SHE'S GOING TO LIVE! IT'S POSITIVELY AMAZING!
ALICE, DEAREST! YOU-- YOU'RE SITTING UP! YOU'RE WELL!
JOHN... OH JOHN!

THE PAIN, IT'S GONE! DARLING! IT'S A MIRACLE!
SO I WASN'T DREAMING AFTER ALL!

JOHN ARNO WAS RIGHT, FOR THIS WAS NO DREAM! THE NEXT FEW YEARS SAW HIS STAR RISE HIGH AND BRIGHT ON THE FINANCIAL HORIZON, AND DEATH WAS ALWAYS AT HIS ELBOW...
MR. ARNO, I'M OFFERING YOU $50,000 AND INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS!
YOU GAINED 500,000 SHARES OF CAPITAL OIL, SIR!
HERE'S A SIGNED AGREEMENT FOR THE BUILDING CONTRACT, JOHN...

PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WERE CAPTURED BY HIS ENTERPRISING GENIUS! THEY FLOCKED TO HIM BY THE THOUSANDS, BEGGING, TO WORK FOR HIM! AND IN THIS WAY, MANY ALSO DIED FOR HIM...
GOOD HEAVENS, MR. ARNO! THAT PLATFORM YOU DESIGNED IS GIVING WAY!


AND THOSE WHO RESENTED HIM FOUND THAT THEY HAD TO GIVE IN...
WIPED OUT!... THERE'S NOTHING TO LIVE FOR!
...ARNO'S TOO SMART! I'M RUINED!
HE FORCED ME OUT! I'M THROUGH!

FINALLY, THE DAY CAME WHEN ARNO REACHED THE TOP, OVER THE BONES OF THE RUINED AND THE DEAD!
WELL, JOHN ARNO, YOU HAVE YOUR HAPPINESS AT LAST! AND I HAVE MY DEAD! HA, HA! WE'LL RULE TOGETHER FOR A LONG TIME, MY FRIEND!

TEN YEARS PASSED, AND ARNO BECAME A LEGENDARY FIGURE! HE RETIRED AT 45, ARROGANT WITH WEALTH AND INFLUENCE! BUT ONE NIGHT, AS HE SAT ALONE...
GOOD EVENING ARNO!
WHA...OH I-I DIDN'T SEE YOU! WHAT DO YOU WANT?

YOUR CANDLE BURNS LOW! I SHALL CALL FOR YOU AT THE STROKE OF MIDNIGHT, NEW YEAR'S EVE!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU CAN'T MEAN... PLEASE! LET ME LIVE I'LL PLAN NEW SCHEMES FOR YOU!

I'LL MAKE ANOTHER BARGAIN WITH YOU! PLEASE!
YOU'VE ENJOYED YOUR LIFE, YOU UNGRATEFUL CREATURE! NOW YOUR USEFULNESS IS OVER! MIDNIGHT OF NEW YEAR'S EVE, ARNO!
THREE MONTHS TO LIVE! THERE MUST BE SOME WAY OUT OF THIS! I'LL CALL EVERYONE TOGETHER... I'VE GOT TO TELL THEM!
NEXT MORNING...
BUT, DEAR! DO YOU EXPECT US TO BELIEVE THIS... FANTASTIC TALE ABOUT CANDLES, AND DEATH, AND...
IT'S TRUE... FIND THAT CANDLE SHOP ... NO "IFS" ANDS OR "BUTS"!
BUT THE MEN DIDN'T FIND THE SHOP! THEY ALSO DIDN'T SERIOUSLY BELIEVE ARNO!
NO TRACE OF THE SHOP... SORRY!
FALSE TRAIL, BOSS!
NOT ON THAT STREET, MR. ARNO!
THEY CAN'T FIND THE SHOP! IT'S NO USE, ALICE! I'M GOING TO DIE!
HUSH, DEAR! YOU'RE TALKING NONSENSE! YOU'RE TIRED YOU NEED REST!
PLEASE, ALICE, LISTEN TO ME! THAT DAY WHEN YOU WERE IN THE HOSPITAL!
I'VE HEARD THIS A HUNDRED TIMES, DEAR! DON'T YOU SEE SUCH THINGS CAN'T POSSIBLY OCCUR?
BUT JOHN ARNO COULD NOT SLEEP THAT NIGHT, NOR THE SUCCEDING NIGHT! TIME FLED RAPIDLY! THEN CAME THE DAY...
GOOD MORNING, DEAR! THERE'S SO MUCH TO DO! THE SERVANTS HAVE TO FIX THE HOUSE UP FOR THE COSTUME BALL WE'RE GIVING TONIGHT! IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE YOU KNOW!
EH? OH, YES... NEW YEAR'S EVE!

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NO, NO! STAY AWAY! DON'T TOUCH ME!
YAAAAA!
WHAT WAS THAT?
THAT WAS JOHN'S VOICE! IT CAME FROM THE LIBRARY!
A FEW MINUTES LATER, THE POLICE ARRIVED!
HE'S DEAD!
OH, JOHN, JOHN!
LOOK! THE CLOCK'S STOPPED AT MIDNIGHT!
POOR JOHN! I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN BETTER CARE OF HIM! HE WASN'T WELL! TONIGHT HE LOOKED SO HAPPY!
YOUR HUSBAND DIED OF A HEART FAILURE, MRS. ARNO!
THIS "CANDLE OF DEATH" STORY WAS PROBABLY THE START OF A NERVOUS BREAKDOWN!
JUST THEN, THE CORONER DISCOVERED SOMETHING!
INSPECTOR! I FOUND THIS CLENCHED IN THE CORPSE'S HAND!
WHAT IS IT?
IT'S A CANDLE... A SMALL, MELTED CANDLE THAT HAS FLICKERED OUT!
DID JOHN ARNO DIE OF A SUDDEN HEART ATTACK, OR DID HE KEEP A FINAL RENDEZVOUS WITH DEATH INTO THE BEYOND?
The End